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SUBJECT	Ministry of Construction: Proposal for Introduction of the Seven-Hour Work Day in the Construction Industry	DATE DISTR.	16 November 1956
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[redacted] a report, dated 27 June 1956, by the Ministry of Construction to Gerhard Ziller, a high-ranking member of the SED Secretariat, proposing introduction of the seven-hour work day and a 42 hour-week in the East German construction industry progressing into a seven-hour, five-day week by early 1959. In detailing the methods and effects of the proposal, the report states that to bring about the seven-hour work day before the end of the Second Five-Year Plan in 1960, productivity of the construction industry will have to increase 185 percent over 1955. This includes the 165-percent increase already planned, plus an additional 20.5-percent increase to compensate for the reduced work hours.

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